

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2005.

Claims 27-32 and 39 are canceled. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-10 and 36-38 are pending.

Allowed Claims

Claims 1-10 and 36-38 were indicated as allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 27-32 and 39 were rejected as being obvious over Green, Jr. et al. (US 4,862,905) in view of Schubert (US 3,834,285). In view of these claims being canceled, this rejection is moot.

Conclusion

Based on the above amendments and remarks, applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. The examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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